

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** affecting millions of Americans, tinnitus is a condition that causes a person to hear ringing, hissing, or other noises when no external source is present; and

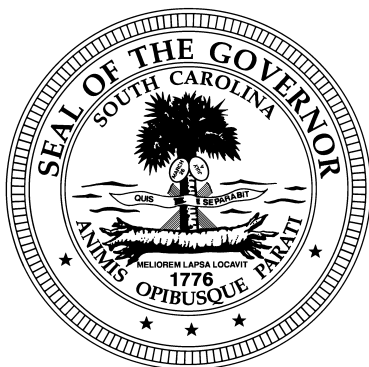
**WHEREAS,** while the causes of tinnitus and other hearing losses are varied, limiting exposure to loud noises through the use of earplugs, reducing the volume when possible, or simply walking away from loud environments can help protect against hearing damage; and

**WHEREAS,** the theme "Now Cure This" calls attention to the fact that there are effective treatments available even while there is no cure.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 21 – 28, 2005, as

### TINNITUS AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to take the proper precautions to protect their hearing.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**